

## House Republican Press Release

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### Sales Tax Holiday for Home Weatherization Products



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In an effort to help residents find ways to save on energy and home heating costs I was happy to have co-authored a law last year that exempted certain weatherization products from Connecticut's 6% sales tax. This sales tax holiday expired in April, however, I am happy to report that the legislature has renewed this exemption effective June 1, 2006 and remaining in effect thru June 30, 2007.

The sales tax exclusion applies to the items listed below:

- Programmable thermostats;
- Window film;
- Caulking;
- Window and door weather strips;
- Insulation;
- Water heater blankets;
- Water heaters;
- Boilers that meet the federal Energy Star standard. (Energy Star qualified boilers have an annual fuel utilization efficiency (AFUE) rating of 85% or greater.);
- Natural gas furnaces that meet the federal Energy Star standard;
- Propane furnaces that meet the federal Energy Star standard;
- Windows that meet the federal Energy Star standard;
- Doors that meet the federal Energy Star standard;
- Oil furnaces that are not less than 85% efficient based on the AFUE rating;  
**and**
- Ground-based heat pumps that meet the minimum federal energy efficiency rating.